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In re Application of:)
David C. McClure)
Serial No.: 10/066,182) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: January 31, 2002) Group Art Unit: 2818

For: CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR TESTING A FERROELECTRIC MEMORY DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Fig. 9 as indicated in red ink on the attached informal drawing sheet.

In addition, please substitute the attached four (4) sheets of formal drawings of Figures 1-9 for the originally-filed seven sheets of informal drawings of Figures 1-9. The attached formal drawing of Fig. 9 includes the amendment identified above.

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the instant amendment of Fig. 9 of the drawings does not introduce any new matter because Fig. 9 was merely amended to more closely correspond with the written specification appearing on page 20, lines 4-5.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to the drawings herein is neither being presented nor made in response to the citation of any prior art known to the Applicant or the Applicant's attorneys. The drawing amendment is further not made for any reason related to any statutory requirements for patentability. The drawing change is made solely to more completely claim that to which the Applicant is entitled. Applicant's invention should only be considered limited by the claims as they now exist and the equivalents thereof. It is not the Applicant's intent to narrow any claim element by the drawing amendment made herein. A marked-up copy of the amended drawing, Fig. 9, is attached to this Preliminary Amendment showing the amendment in red ink.

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In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the thorough and complete examination of this application and earnestly solicits an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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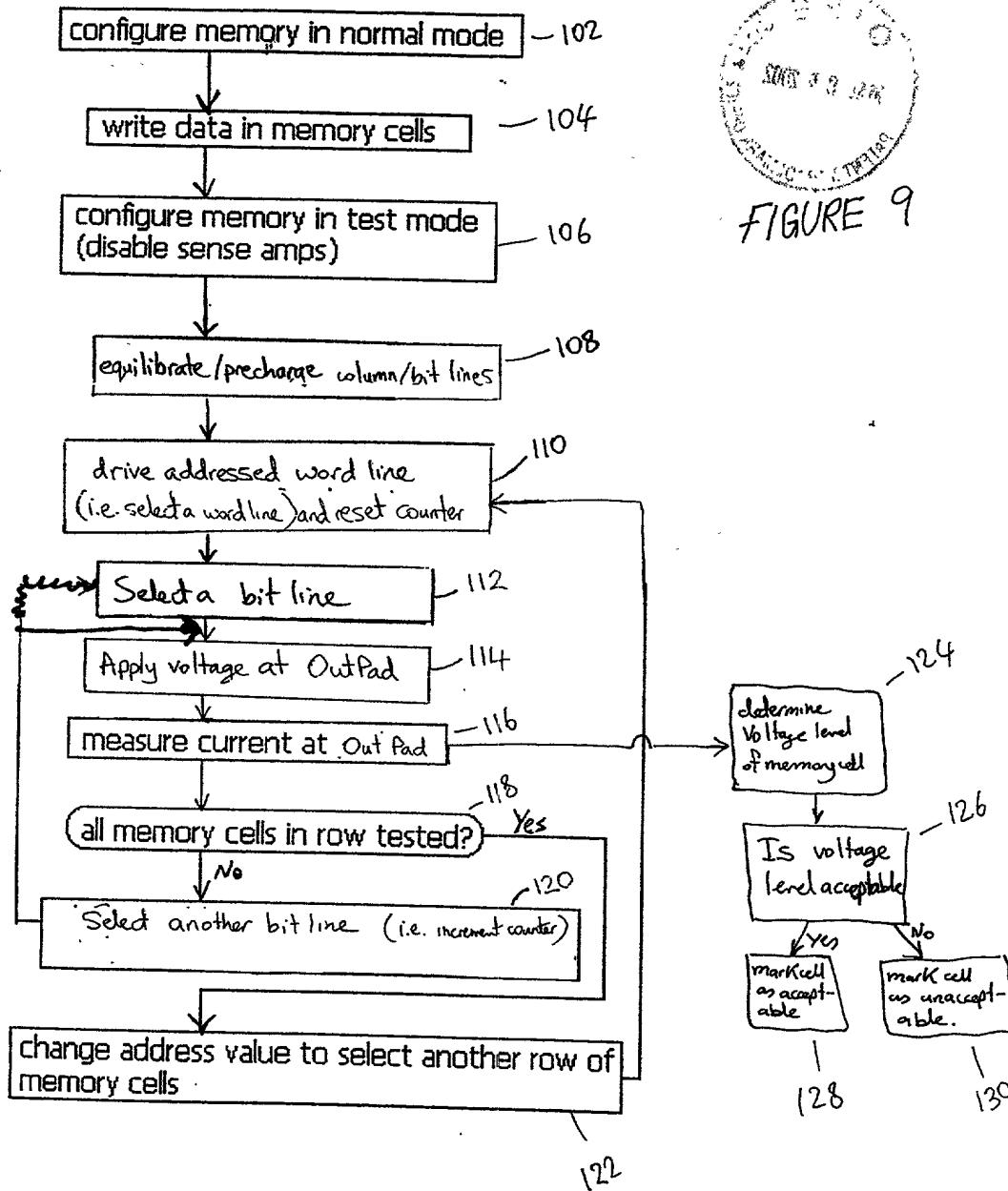


FIGURE 9